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TAGS: EAID PEPR SA TO
SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. PRESIDENT EYADEMA DEPARTED TOGO APRIL 9, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF PLAN KOUDJOLOU DOGO, MINISTER OF FINANCE YAO GRUNITZKY AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION KWAOVI BENYI JOHNSON. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ON A SAUDI LOAN TO TOGO ARE TO BE NEGOTIATED DURING THE VISIT. MINISTER OF INFORMATION JOHNSON RECENTLY VISITED SAUDI ARABIA AND ARRIVED AT AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE DIMENSIONS OF THE LOAN AND ITS CHARACTER.

2. THE SAUDIS WERE ORIGINALLY PREPARED TO OFFER FINANCING TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC PROJECTS. TOGO GRFTE-
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FULLY ACCEPTED THIS CONCEPT BUT PRESSED THE SAUDIS TO ALSO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS TO BE NEGOTIATED DURING EYADEMA'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA WILL INCLUDE A \$50 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT (AT THIS POINT, AT LEAST, NOT THE \$500 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT REPORTED IN LOME 1055). THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT

DESIGNED TO ENABLE TOGOLESE TO PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THIS AMOUNT IS NOT YET KNOWN. THE EQUIPMENT THE TOGOLESE DESIRE INCLUDES ARMORED VEHICLES, INCLUDING TANKS, AND RECOILLESS RIFLES. THE EQUIPMENT IS BEING SOUGHT FOR POSSIBLE EVENTUAL HOSTILITIES WITH GHANA.

3. THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT SAID THAT SAUDI DIPLOMACY HAD MOVED IN VERY NICELY TO EXPLOIT TOGOLESE IMPATIENCE WITH LIBYA AND WITH ALGERIA. PALMER

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